

ROGERS et al  
Serial No. 10/829,443  
October 22, 2004

**REMARKS**

By way of the amendment instructions above, new claims 24-33 have been added and are of a scope to which applicants are deemed entitled. Support for the flame-retardant SAP being incorporated into "synthetic resins" generally may be found at page 4, lines 1-3 of the originally filed specification. Support for the particular synthetic resins listed in the new claims may be found at page 7, lines 8-15 of the originally filed specification.

Claims 1-33 therefore are pending in this application for which favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

**NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.**

By: 

Bryan H. Davidson  
Reg. No. 30,251

BHD:fmh  
1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor  
Arlington, VA 22201-4714  
Telephone: (703) 816-4000  
Facsimile: (703) 816-4100